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Farms Controlled by the Ministry of Railroads,¹ Hwanghae Province

1. In mid-February 1952 the North Korean Ministry of Railroads established a farm in Yonbaek County near Pongnam-ni (126-09, 37-54) (BS-4998) at BS-5098 in order to furnish employment for 3,000 railroad employees who had been made idle because of paralyzed railroad facilities. Two or three railroad employees were taken from each railroad station to work on the farm, which covered an area of 30 chongpo.² The Vice Minister of Railroads, a brigadier general³ was in charge of the farm.

2. In late February 1952 the Sariwon Supply Station of the Ministry of Railroads' Supply Bureau established a farm near Sinch'on (125-30, 38-21) (YC-1847) at YC-1747⁴ to furnish employment for 1,000 idle railroad employees and to cultivate idle farmlands. This farm covered an area of 10 chongpo of rice fields and 7 to 8 chongpo of dry fields.

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Nationalized Farm at P'yongyang

3. In mid-July 1952 there was a national farm in P'yongyang at YD-3420. Thirty-five milk cows, 15 farm oxen, 8 horses, and approximately 400 pigs were being raised there. Corn, sorghum, wheat, soy beans and bean cake were used as feed. Bean cake was brought in from Manchuria, and other fodder was being produced in Hwanghae and North and South P'yongan Provinces.

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4. Employees at this farm comprised 15 clerical workers and 145 laborers, including 20 women. Forty of the laborers were discharged soldiers who had been recruited from South Korea by force, and 15 were members of the families of North Koreans who had cooperated with United Nations personnel during the United Nations occupation, and who were working on the farm to protect themselves from future security checks. Ninety of the workers were natives of North Korea and there were approximately 90 Labor Party members among the employees. Clerical workers received an average monthly salary of 950 won, and laborers 900 won. The daily ration was 600 grams of grain for clerical workers and 700 for laborers.

Collective Dairy Farm, Chongju Area

5. In mid-September 1952 the Ministry of Agriculture of the North Korean government was maintaining a cooperative dairy farm at Oryu-goI (125-15, 39-46) (XE-9304) near Chongju (125-13, 39-42) (XD-9096). Five-hundred head of cattle belonged to the farm, including 200 milk cows and 300 bulls (sic). All of these cattle had been obtained from a farm near P'yongyang, from where they had been driven on foot for a period of 15 days during February 1952. In September, the cows were producing 60 mal of milk daily.⁵ Each milk-producing cow was giving about 3 gallons of milk daily. The milk was being transported by truck twice weekly to Sinuiju.
6. The manager of the farm was KIM Si-to (6855/2514/6670), aged 39, a resident of Kosong-ni (XD-785865). The manager had 5 office clerks. There were 82 laborers. The director received a monthly salary of 2,400 won, the clerks 1,200, and the laborers an average of 950. As additional compensation, each employee received 100 hop⁶ of rice, 60 hop of other grains every month, and an occasional article of clothing.

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2. Comment. One chongpo equals 2.45 acres.
3. Comment. Lieutenant general is the accepted rank for the Vice Minister of Railroads, according to a Far East Command Intelligence Digest.
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5. Comment. Presumably the large mal (3.97 gallons) is the unit of measurement intended. A small mal is half this amount.
6. Comment. One-hundred hop equal one-half bushel.

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